Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-33. (Cancelled)

34. (New) A method of treating a cover material for use with an interior vehicle component, the method comprising:

placing a cover material into a treatment chamber for moistening;

moistening the cover material in the treatment chamber to soften the cover material; and

smoothing the cover material by providing a drawing force that extends the cover material.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the moisture content of the cover material after moistening in the treatment chamber is between approximately 2 percent and 10 percent by weight.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the moisture content of the cover material after moistening in the treatment chamber is approximately 5 percent.

37. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the steps of measuring the moisture content of the cover material, and continuing moistening until a predetermined moisture content is reached.

38. (New) The method of claim 37, further comprising the step of directly measuring the moisture content of the cover material.

39. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the moistening in the treatment chamber takes place at an air temperature of between approximately 100 degrees Celsius and approximately 150 degrees Celsius.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the moistening in the treatment chamber takes place at an air temperature of between approximately 125 degrees Celsius and approximately 130 degrees Celsius.

41. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the moistening in the treatment chamber is achieved by the supply of steam.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising the step of providing an additive to the steam.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the additive comprising at least one of an particularly odorous substance, a smoothing agent, and a stain-inhibiting agent.

44. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the drawing force is produced by depositing the cover material onto an elastically compressible base.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the cover material is moistened in the treatment chamber after depositing the cover material onto the elastically compressible base.

46. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the cover material is moistened in the treatment chamber and subsequently deposited on the elastically compressible base with elastic compression of the base.

47. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of at least partially drying the cover material after the moistening.

48. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the moisture content of the cover material after drying is less than approximately 1.0 percent by weight.

49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the moisture content of the cover material after drying is between approximately 0.05 percent and approximately 0.25 percent by weight.

50. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the drying takes place in the same treatment chamber as the moistening.

51. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the drying takes place outside the treatment chamber for moistening.

52. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the drying takes place in a second treatment chamber following the treatment chamber for moistening.

53. (New) The method of claim 49, further comprising the steps of measuring the moisture content of cover material and drying the cover material until a predetermined moisture content is reached.

54. (New) The method of claim 53, further comprising the step of directly measuring the moisture content of the cover material.

55. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the steps of grouping together a plurality cover materials supported by an auxiliary transportation device and supplying the plurality of cover materials to the treatment chamber for moistening.

56. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of subjecting the cover material in the treatment chamber to mechanical processing employing at least one of brushes and rollers.

57. (New) A method of treating a cover material for use with an interior vehicle component, the method comprising:

providing a cover material;

identifying the cover material;

selecting treatment parameters that are suitable for a treatment of the cover material;

placing the cover material into a treatment chamber; and

moistening the cover material in the treatment chamber.

58. (New) The method of claim 57, further comprising the step of operably coupling an identifier to at least one of the cover material and a transport auxiliary device for identifying the cover material.

59. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein the identifier permits an automated recognition of the cover material.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the identifier comprising at least one of a bar code and a coding on a chip.

61. (New) The method of claim 57, further comprising providing an accessory part coupled to the cover material to be treated at the same time in the treatment chamber as a consequence of being coupled to the cover material.

62. (New) The method of claim 61, further comprising the step of operably coupling an identifier to at least one of the cover material, the accessory part, and a transport auxiliary device for identifying at least one of the cover material and the accessory part.

63. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein at least one of the cover material and the accessory part includes a sensitive region that is sensitive to at least one of moisture and temperature.

64. (New) The method of claim 63, wherein the sensitive region is covered during the treatment in the treatment chamber.

65. (New) The method of claim 63, wherein the sensitive region is protected during the treatment by localized reduction of the effect of treatment in the treatment chamber.

66. (New) A method of treating a cover material for use with an interior vehicle component, the method comprising:

providing a cover material;

placing a cover material into a treatment chamber for moistening;

determining the contour of the cover material;

establishing a predetermined distance between a steam nozzle and the cover material; and

moistening the cover material in the treatment chamber.

67. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein determining the contour of the cover material takes place by mechanical scanning of the cover material.

68. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein determining the contour of the cover material takes place without physically contacting the cover material.

69. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein determining the contour of the cover material takes place employing at least one of an ultrasonic sensory device and a laser sensory device.

70. (New) An interior vehicle component, comprising:

a cover material disposed about a base;

wherein the cover material has been placed into a treatment chamber for moistening and then smoothed by a drawings force extending the cover material.